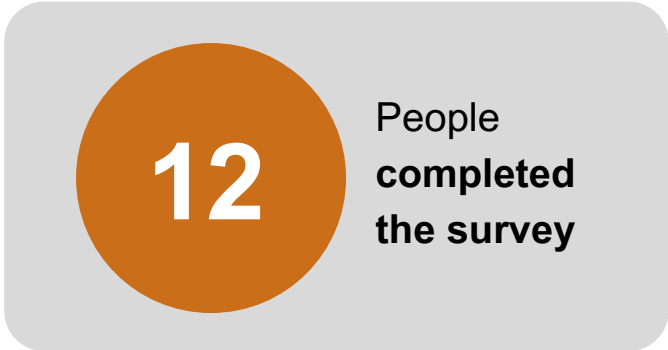


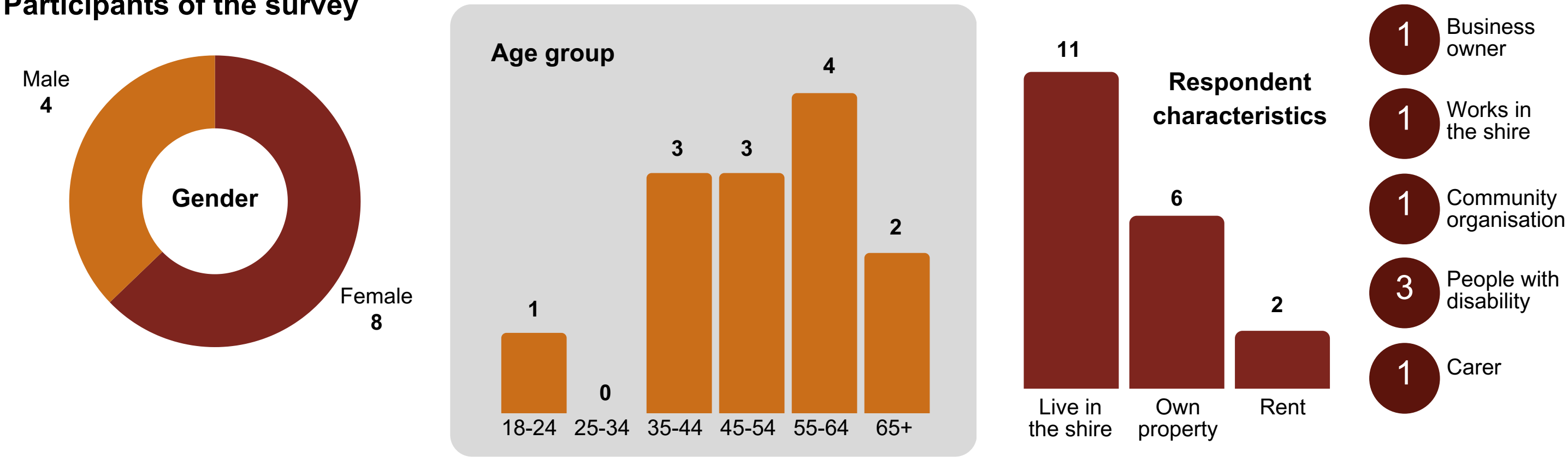
Affordable Housing Draft Policy Review

Closing the loop with the community

Thank you to everyone who took the time to review the draft Affordable Housing Policy and complete the survey. Your feedback has helped strengthen the final policy. Here's a summary of what we heard and how your feedback was considered.



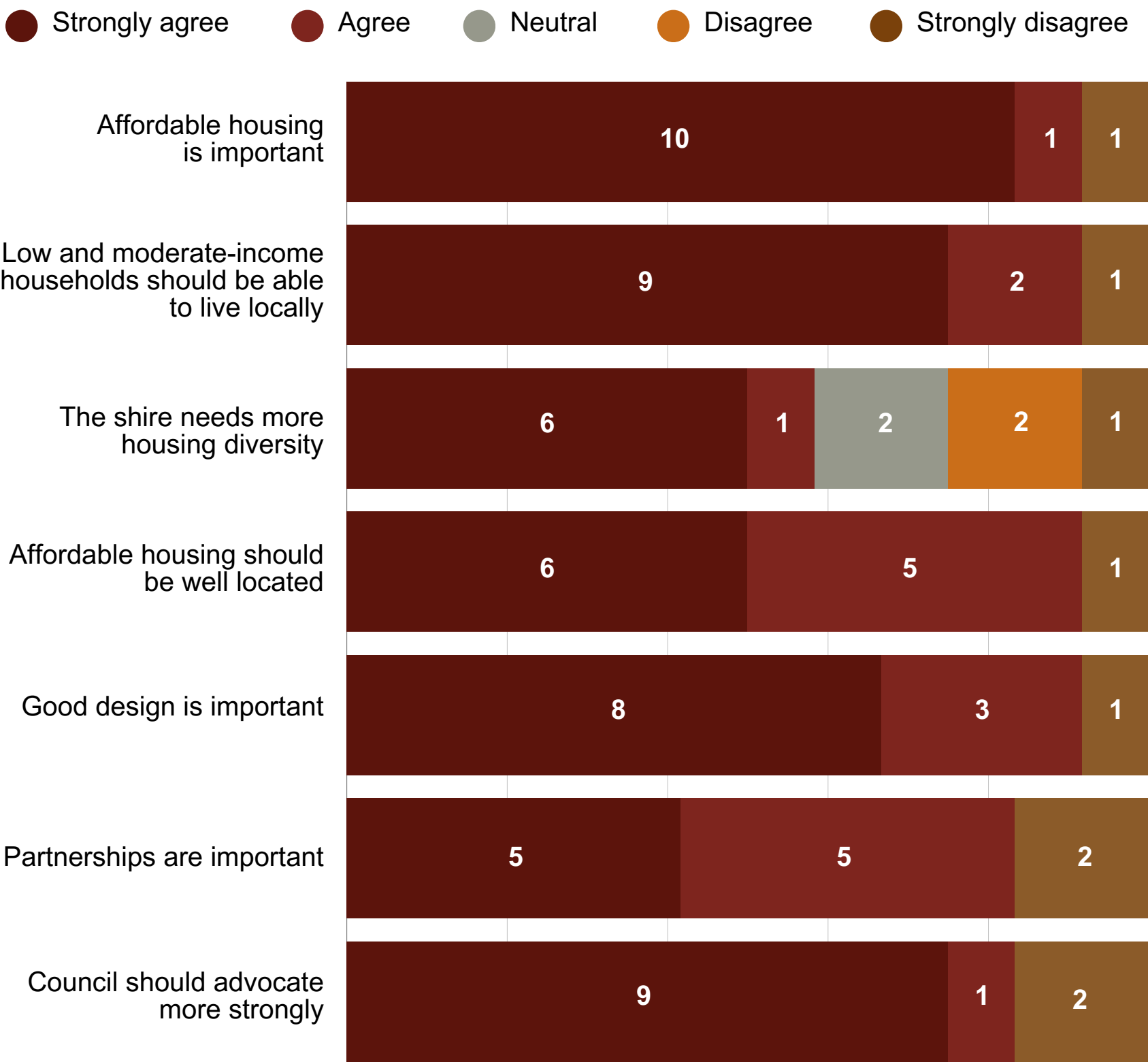
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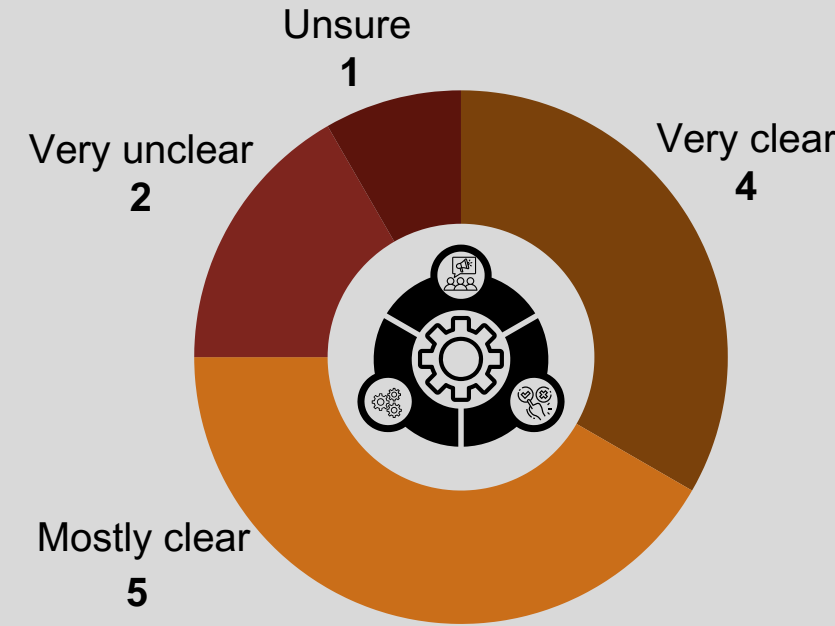


Views on affordable housing



Views on Council's role

Respondents said that Council's proposed role as an advocate, facilitator & investor and decision maker was:



Other themes raised by respondents:

- Reduce planning barriers and support housing delivery.
- Focus on enabling housing providers and developments.
- Strengthen planning tools to support affordable housing.
- Preference for Council to focus on facilitation rather than a broader role
- Some felt affordable housing should not be a Council responsibility.

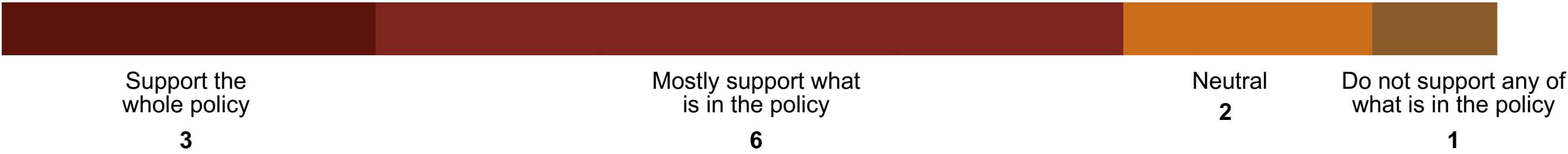
Alignment with local housing needs

Respondents were asked whether the draft policy accurately reflects the housing affordability challenges facing the Macedon Ranges community.



Overall support for the draft policy

Respondents were asked whether they supported the overall direction of the draft Affordable Housing Policy.



What the policy does well

Respondents said that they liked that the Policy:



Clearly defines Council's role



Is evidence based and well supported



Has a strong focus on partnerships and collaboration



Recognises affordable housing as more than a housing issue



Supports diverse, well-located and high-quality housing



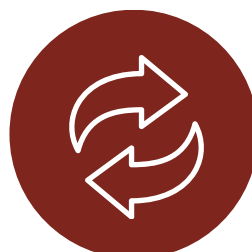
Is clear and easy to understand

Suggestions to strengthen the policy

Some respondents suggested greater emphasis or detail on:



Delivery and implementation



Housing for changing life circumstances



Climate responsive and sustainable housing



Housing diversity and innovative options



Workforce and First Nations housing



Housing market and planning tools

Key themes raised by respondents

Respondents were invited to identify any additional issues or opportunities they believed Council should consider.



Accessible and suitable housing

Greater emphasis on housing that supports ageing in place, accessibility and changing household needs over time.



Housing quality and sustainability

Support for housing that is energy efficient, environmentally sustainable and designed to reduce ongoing living costs.



Location and neighbourhood design

Support for affordable housing that is well located, close to services and transport, with a mix of housing types that respond to local context.



Planning and Council's role

Suggestions that Council continue to use its planning, advocacy and partnership roles to support affordable housing outcomes, while balancing a range of planning and community considerations.



Equity and inclusion

Recognition of the housing needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the value of partnerships with Aboriginal organisations.



Community engagement

Suggestions to continue engaging with the community, including people with lived experience of housing insecurity, as future housing work progresses.

How your feedback influenced the policy

Thank you to everyone who participated. Every submission was carefully considered and helped strengthen the final policy or inform future work.

Strengthened the policy

- Ageing in place and changing health needs
- Aboriginal partnerships and housing needs
- Climate-responsive housing
- Implementation planning

Confirmed the policy direction

- Housing diversity and accessibility
- Good design and long-term affordability
- Evidence-based decision-making
- Advocacy, planning and partnerships

Informed future work

- Planning scheme changes and advocacy
- Delivery and implementation
- Future strategies and action planning